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President: Mr C.A. van der KLAUW,
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

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The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Willy CLAES Deputy Prime Minister,
Minister for Economic Affairs
Mr Charles-Ferdinand NOTHOMB Minister for Foreign Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Kjeld OLESEN Minister for Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Otto Graf LAMBSDORFF Federal Minister for Economic
Affairs
Mr Klaus von DOHNANYI Minister of State,
Federal Ministry of Foreign
Affairs

Greece:

Mr Constantin MITSOTAKIS Minister for Foreign Affairs

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Mr Michel COINTAT Minister for Foreign Trade
Mr Pierre BERNARD-REYMOND State Secretary,
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Mr Brian LENIHAN Minister for Foreign Affairs

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| Mr Cecil PARKINSON | Minister of State, Department of Trade |

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| Mr Georgis CONTOGEOGIS | Member |

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EEC/JAPAN RELATIONS

The Council heard a report by the Commission on the results so far of the High-Level Consultations that have taken place with the Japanese authorities following the Council's statement of November. After a general exchange of views on the situation, it adopted the following statement :

1. The Council reaffirmed its statement of 25 november 1980 in which it expressed its serious concern at the present state of trade between Japan and the Community and its likely future development. It regretted that the Japanese response to the statement had not been such as to remove the Council's concern.
2. The Council took the view that economic factors were one facet of the overall relationship between Europe and Japan ; the Community should therefore press its preoccupations on these economic difficulties at a high political level. The Community's concern should be conveyed forthwith by the representatives of the Member States and of the Commission in Tokyo.
3. The Council noted in particular that the situation as regards Japanese car exports continued to give rise to increasing and very serious concern, in particular the position in certain regions of the Community especially the Benelux countries. The work and the contacts should be promptly pursued in this and other relevant sectors.
4. The Council further noted that the Commission intended to introduce Community-wide surveillance forthwith in order to make more rapidly available statistical information on imports from Japan of passenger cars, colour television sets and tubes and certain machine tools. It requested the Commission to monitor the results of this surveillance and to report to the Council as soon as the outcome for the first three months of this year was clear, and regularly thereafter.

5. The Council took note that the Commission had circulated an initial analysis of the concentration of Japanese exports to the Community and invited the Commission to pursue the studies requested by the Council in its November statement.
6. The Council recognized that it was for European enterprises to take advantage of the growing Japanese market and to develop positive strategies to deal with Japanese competition. It called upon the Commission to continue to pursue vigorously with the Japanese authorities the opening up of the Japanese market.
7. At the next EEC/Japan High-Level Consultations which should be held as soon as possible, the Commission should check on the progress of the various discussions and report to the Council on the results achieved.
8. Since the question of trade with Japan has implications for all major industrialised trading countries, the Council took the view that it should be raised with them on every possible occasion and in particular at the Western Economic Summit in Ottawa next July in the context of the customary exchange of views on world trading problems.

EEC/US RELATIONS

The Council heard a report by the Commission on the results of its recent high level consultations in Washington with the members of the new American administration, and held a brief exchange of views. It agreed to revert to the matter at its March session.

YUGOSLAVIA

The Council conducted a thorough examination of this dossier. It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its work on the question of "baby beef" so as to enable the Council to adopt, at its meeting on 17 March 1981, directives for the negotiation of Protocols of adaptation to the EEC/ECSC/Yugoslavia Agreements following the accession of Greece to the European Communities.

The Permanent Representatives Committee was also instructed to continue its proceedings on the question of transit.

FISHERIES POLICY

At the request of the German delegation and the Commission, the Council exchanged views on the situation resulting from the delay in establishing a common fisheries policy and the ensuing problems for certain Member States.

The Council appealed to all Member States and to the Commission to endeavour to find a satisfactory solution at the next meeting of the Fisheries Council scheduled for 9 and 10 March 1981.

At the same time it took particular note of the desire expressed by most delegations to have the Agreements negotiated with Canada, the Faroe Islands and Spain approved by the Council at the earliest possible opportunity, if possible without waiting until discussions were resumed on the entire fisheries dossier on 9 and 10 March.

ARRANGEMENT ON TEXTILES WITH TUNISIA

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its examination of this matter in conjunction with the Commission.

FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL AID TO NON-ASSOCIATED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: FRAMEWORK REGULATION

The Council adopted the framework Regulation on financial and technical aid to non-associated developing countries and the contents of a letter to be sent by the President to the President of the European Parliament explaining the position adopted by the Council to take account of the comments and proposals made by the European Parliament within the framework of the conciliation procedure.

The Regulation constitutes a permanent basis for Community financial and technical aid to non-associated developing countries. It lays down the criteria for the implementation of this aid and the detailed rules for its administration.

The aid is intended for the financing of projects. In general it takes the form of grants and is granted either autonomously or by means of co-financing. As a general rule it is directed towards the poorest developing countries. Bearing this principle in mind, it is designed to ensure a Community presence in the major regions of the developing world while aiming at a reasonable geographical balance along these regions.

The aid must be mainly directed towards improving the living conditions of the most needy sections of the population. Special importance is to be given to rural development and to improving food production. Participation in regional projects may also be considered. An annual reserve is to be set up for aid in exceptional circumstances, in particular to help with reconstruction in the event of disasters.

Each year the Council is to determine the general guidelines for the following year, acting on a proposal from the Commission and after consulting the European Parliament. The funds required are fixed by the budget of the Communities.

The Commission is responsible for administering the aid. The Regulation sets up a Committee, composed of representatives of the Member States, which delivers its opinion on the draft financing Decisions submitted to it by the Commission. If the Committee's opinion is favourable, the Commission takes decisions which are immediately applicable. In the absence of any favourable opinion of the Committee, the Commission may refer the matter to the Council which, acting by a qualified majority, must decide at the second meeting following such referral and at the latest within a period of two months. If the Council approves the draft financing Decision, the Commission takes decisions which are immediately applicable. If, after its discussions, the Council has not decided by a qualified majority within two months, the Commission may submit a new draft financing Decision to the Committee and inform the European Parliament thereof.

Once a year the Commission reports to the European Parliament and the Council on the administration of the aid.

RELATIONS WITH THE ACP STATES

The President reported to the Council on his talks on 16 February 1981, in the presence of Mr CHEYSSON, Member of the Commission, with Mr ONYON, Minister (Kenya), President of the ACP Committee of Ambassadors, Mr MONYAKE (Lesotho), several Ambassadors of ACP States and Mr OKELO-ODONGO, the Secretary-General of the ACP Group of States, who had come to inform the Community authorities of the outcome of the ACP Council of Ministers, held a few weeks earlier, with a view to the forthcoming ACP-EEC Council of Ministers meeting to be held in Luxembourg on 9 and 10 April 1981.

The President of the Council stressed the spirit of co-operation and comprehension which had prevailed at this discussion.

MEASURES INTENDED TO IMPROVE THE FUNCTIONING OF THE COURT OF JUSTICE

The Council resumed its examination of this dossier with particular reference to the question of the creation of the posts for an eleventh judge and a fifth advocate-general at the Court of Justice.

Following thorough discussion of this matter, the President noted that the Council had failed to reach a decision.

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REVISION OF THE METHOD FOR ADJUSTING THE REMUNERATION OF
OFFICIALS OF THE COMMUNITIES - COUNCIL STATEMENT

Having been informed of the staff's views, the Council held a policy discussion on the revision of the method for adjusting the remuneration of staff of the European Communities. Account being taken of the points cited in the Council statement of 20 January 1981, the Council reached the following conclusions:

The Council stresses the great importance it attaches to retention of the independence, permanence and competence of the Community public service. It emphasizes that there has never been any question of jeopardizing the said public service. It is well aware of the singularity of a multinational public service and of the rights and obligations inherent therein. This singularity will continue to be respected whenever decisions or regulations governing the conditions of employment of European civil servants are being reviewed, as will their career structure.

The Council requests the Commission to submit within a month a proposal for a revised method for adjusting remuneration in the light of the Council discussions and of the comments made by the Staff Representatives.

The Council invites the Secretary-General to work out and submit, after consulting the Commission representatives and the Staff Representatives, a conciliation procedure which is consistent with the powers of the Institutions.

Miscellaneous decisions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Directive amending Section 2 of Annex II to Directive 72/276/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to certain methods for the quantitative analysis of binary textile fibre mixtures.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities Regulations opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for prepared or preserved sardines, falling within subheading 16.04 D of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Morocco and Tunisia respectively.

In addition the Council recorded its agreement on the text of an exchange of letters concerning the simplification of customs formalities relating to Community transit and approved a Decision applying Decisions Nos 1, 2 and 3/80 of the EEC/Switzerland and EEC/Austria Joint Committees - Community transit.

Appointments

On a proposal from the Commission, the Council appointed Mrs G. de LANGE member of the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training to replace Mr WESTERHUIS, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 14 January 1982.

The Council also appointed, on a proposal from the German Government, Dr Dieter HOEMIG, Ministerialrat, Bundesministerium des Innern, as member of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers, to replace Dr E. STOEVE, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 16 March 1982.

Finally, on a proposal from the German Government, the Council appointed Mr Armin SCHULTE, Ministerialrat, Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Sozialordnung, as a member of the Administrative Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, to replace Professor FITTING, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 16 March 1983.

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TUNISIE - TEXTILE (H.FERRATON)

IL S'AGIT POUR LE CONSEIL D'ARRETER DES DIRECTIVES DE NEGOCIATIONS PERMETTANT A LA COMMISSION DE CONCLURE AVEC LA TUNISIE UN NOUVEL ARRANGEMENT D'AUTOLIMITATION POUR L'EXPORTATION DE CERTAINS PRODUITS TEXTILES.

L'ARRANGEMENT PRECEDENT EST VENU A EXPIRATION LE 31.12.80, LES TUNISIENS AYANT REFUSE SA PROROGATION ET DEMANDE LA CONCLUSION D'UN NOUVEL ACCORD PLUS LIBERAL.

LA COMMISSION AVAIT, DANS CET ESPRIT, FAIT DES PROPOSITIONS AU CONSEIL EN NOVEMBRE DERNIER, MAIS IL NE SEMBLE PAS QUE LES ETATS MEMBRES SOIENT DISPOSES A S'ENGAGER DANS LA VOIE D'UN ASSOULISSEMENT (NOTAMMENT EN CE QUI CONCERNE LES EXPORTATIONS DE DENIM INDIGO).

REGLEMENT CADRE PVD NON ASSOCIES (H.FERRATON)

LE CONSEIL DEVRAIT S'ACCORDER ENFIN SUR UNE FORMULE DEVANT PERMETTRE L'ADOPTION D'UN REGLEMENT FIXANT LES MODALITES DE PRISE DE DECISION, C'EST-A-DIRE LA REPARTITION DES COMPETENCES ENTRE LE CONSEIL ET LA COMMISSION, EN CE QUI CONCERNE L'ADOPTION DES PROJETS D'AIDE FINANCIERE ET TECHNIQUE AUX PVD NON ASSOCIES.

PECHE (J.CARROLL)

COMME NOUS VOUS AVONS ANNONCE VENDREDI SOIR (VOIR BIO(81)57) LA COMMISSION A PRIS LA DECISION DE SAISIR LE CONSEIL AFFAIRES ETRANGERES DU 17 FEVRIER DE LA QUESTION DE LA PECHE ET NOTAMMENT LE VOLET EXTERNE, C'EST-A-DIRE LES ACCORDS ENTRE LA CEE ET CERTAINS PAYS TIERS QUI RESTENT TOUJOURS EN SUSPENS EN ATTENDANT UN ACCORD GENERAL SUR L'ENSEMBLE DE LA POLITIQUE COMME DE LA PECHE.

ESPAGNE (J.CARROLL)

LES CONSULTATIONS ENTRE LA COMMISSION ET L'ESPAGNE EN VUE D'ARRIVER A UN ACCORD SUR LES RELATIONS RECIPROQUES DE PECHE POUR 1981 SE POURSUIVront MARDI 17 FEVRIER A BRUXELLES. JE VOUS RAPPELLE QUE LE REGIME POUR 1980 (LICENCES, QUOTA MERLU) A PRIS FIN AU DEBUT DU MOIS DE FEVRIER EN ATTENDANT UN ACCORD ENTRE LA COMMUNAUTE ET L'ESPAGNE.

REMUNERATIONS (J. CARROLL)

LE CONSEIL AURA UN DEBAT D'ORIENTATION SUR LA REVISION DE LA
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METHODE D'ADAPTATION DES REMUNERATIONS DU PERSONNEL DES
COMMUNAUTES EUROPEENNES. JE VOUS RAPPELLE QUE LE CONSEIL A
DEJA DECIDE DE FIXER LA NOUVELLE METHODE AU PLUS TARD LE
15 AVRIL DE CETTE ANNEE.

LE DEBAT D'ORIENTATION SERA BASE SUR LA PROPOSITION DE REVISION
QUE LA COMMISSION A PRESENTEE LE 30 JUIN 1980 ET SUR LES
SUGGESTIONS SOUMISES PAR LES ETATS MEMBRES.

DESIGNATION DE 5 VICE-PRESIDENTS

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JE VOUS SIGNALE QUE LA CONFERENCE DES GOUVERNEMENTS DES ETATS
MEMBRES, DANS SA REUNION DU 12.2.81, A DESIGNE 5 VICE-
PRESIDENTS:■

MM. ORTOLI, HAFERKAMP, NATALI, DAVIGNON ET TUGENDHAT.

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M. SANTARELLI COMEUR
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CONSEIL AFFAIRES ETRANGERES DU 17 FEVRIER 1981

1. RELATIONS CEE-JAPON (VAN DER PAS)

LE CONSEIL A ADOPTE, CE MATIN, UNE DECLARATION CONFIRMANT SES SOUCIS DEVANT L'ACCROISSEMENT DES EXPORTATIONS JAPONAISES VERS LA CEE, NOTAMMENT DE VOITURES, ET REGRETTANT QUE LA REPOSE JAPONAISE LA PREMIERE DECLARATION DU CONSEIL, CELLE DU 25.11.1980, N'A PAS ETE SATISFAISANTE. LE CONSEIL N'A CEPENDANT PAS DISCUTE DE MESURES RESTRICTIVES A L'EGARD DES IMPORTATIONS EN PROVENANCE DU JAPON. IL A PRIS ACOTE DE L'INTENTION DE LA COMMISSION D'INTRODUIRE UN SYSTEME COMMUNAUTAIRE DE SURVEILLANCE POUR MIEUX POUVOIR SUIVRE, PAR UNE ACCELERATION DE L'INFORMATION STATISTIQUE, L'EVOLUTION DES IMPORTATIONS DE VOITURES, DE TELEVISIONS ET DE MACHINES-OUTILS JAPONAIS. LE CONSEIL REPRENDRA LE SUJET LORSQUE LES RESULTATS DU PREMIER TRIMESTRE DE 1981 SERONT CONNUS. IL REVIENDRA EGALEMENT AU COURS DES PROCHAINES CONSULTATIONS A HAUT NIVEAU CEE-JAPON (PROBABLEMENT AU MOIS DE JUIN) ET LE CONSEIL ESTIME QU'IL DEVRA AUSSI ETRE SOULEVE LORS DU PROCHAIN SOMMET ECONOMIQUE OCCIDENTAL A OTTAWA AU MOIS DE JUILLET.

VOICI LE TEXTE INTEGRAL DE LA DECLARATION DU CONSEIL, DANS LA VERSION ANGLAISE, LA SEULE VERSION DISPONIBLE ACTUELLEMENT:

1. THE COUNCIL REAFFIRMED ITS STATEMENT OF 25 NOVEMBER 1980 IN WHICH IT EXPRESSED ITS SERIOUS CONCERN AT THE PRESENT STATE OF TRADE BETWEEN JAPAN AND COMMUNITY AND ITS LIKELY FUTURE DEVELOPMENT. IT REGRETTED THAT THE JAPANESE RESPONSE TO THE STATEMENT HAD NOT BEEN SUCH AS TO REMOVE THE COUNCIL'S CONCERN.
2. THE COUNCIL TOOK THE VIEW THAT ECONOMIC FACTORS WERE ONE FACET OF THE OVERALL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EUROPE AND JAPAN; THE COMMUNITY SHOULD THEREFORE PRESS ITS PREOCCUPATIONS ON THESE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES AT A HIGH POLITICAL LEVEL. THE COMMUNITY'S CONCERN SHOULD BE CONVEYED FORTHWITH BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEMBER STATES AND OF THE COMMISSION IN TOKYO.
3. THE COUNCIL NOTED IN PARTICULAR THAT THE SITUATION AS REGARDS JAPANESE CAR EXPORTS CONTINUED TO GIVE RISE TO INCREASING AND VERY SERIOUS CONCERN, IN PARTICULAR THE POSITION IN CERTAIN REGIONS OF THE COMMUNITY ESPECIALLY THE BENELUX COUNTRIES.////

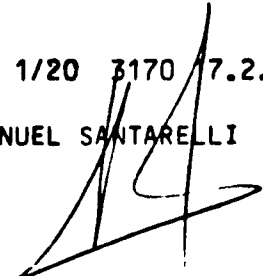
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THE WORK AND THE CONTACTS ■■■■ SHOULD BE PROMPTLY PURSUED IN THIS AND OTHER RELEVANT SECTORS.

4. THE COUNCIL FURTHER NOTED THAT THE COMMISSION INTENDS TO INTRODUCE COMMUNITY-WIDE SURVEILLANCE FORTHWITH IN ORDER TO MAKE MORE RAPIDLY AVAILABLE STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON IMPORTS FROM JAPAN OF PASSENGER CARS, COLOUR TELEVISION SETS AND TUBES AND CERTAIN MACHINE TOOLS. IT REQUESTED THE COMMISSION TO MONITOR THE RESULTS OF THIS SURVEILLANCE AND TO REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AS SOON AS THE OUTCOME FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR WAS CLEAR, AND REGULARLY THEREAFTER.

5. THE COUNCIL TOOK NOTE THAT THE COMMISSION HAD CIRCULATED AN INITIAL ANALYSIS OF THE CONCENTRATION OF JAPANESE EXPORTS TO THE COMMUNITY AND INVITED THE COMMISSION TO PURSUE THE STUDIES REQUESTED BY THE COUNCIL IN ITS NOVEMBER STATEMENT.

6. THE COUNCIL RECOGNIZED THAT IT WAS FOR EUROPEAN ENTERPRISES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE GROWING JAPANESE MARKET AND TO DEVELOP POSITIVE STRATEGIES TO DEAL WITH JAPANESE COMPETITION. IT CALLED UPON THE COMMISSION TO CONTINUE TO PURSUE VIGOROUSLY ■■■■■ WITH THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES THE OPENING UP OF THE JAPANESE MARKET,

7. AT THE NEXT EEC/JAPAN HIGH LEVEL CONSULTATIONS WHICH ■■■■■■ SHOULD BE HELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THE COMMISSION SHOULD ■■■■ CHECK ON THE PROGRESS OF THE VARIOUS DISCUSSIONS AND REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON THE RESULTS ACHIEVED.

8. SINCE THE QUESTION OF TRADE WITH JAPAN HAS IMPLICATIONS FOR ALL MAJOR INDUSTRIALISED TRADING COUNTRIES, THE COUNCIL TOOK THE VIEW THAT IT SHOULD BE RAISED WITH THEM ON EVERY POSSIBLE OCCASION AND IN PARTICULAR AT THE WESTERN ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN OTTAWA NEXT JULY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CUSTOMARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON WORLD TRADING PROBLEMS.

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LA DISCUSSION SUR CE POINT N'A PAS REUSSI A CONVAINCRE LA DELEGATION BRITANNIQUE DE LEVER SA RESERVE SUR LA CONCLUSION DES ACCORDS DE PECHE ENTRE LA COMMUNAUTE ET CERTAINS PAYS TIERS C'EST-A-DIRE LE CANADA, LES ILES FAERDES ET L'ESPAGNE.

LE PRESIDENT THORN A FAIT UN APPEL PRESSANT AU CONSEIL DE RATIFIER CES TROIS ACCORDS DANS LES PLUS BREFS DELAIS.

IL ETAIT EN MESURE D'ANNONCER QUE CE MATIN MEME LA COMMISSION EST PARVENUE A UN ■■■■ ACCORD AD REFERENDUM AVEC L'ESPAGNE POUR 1981 (142 LICENCES ET UN QUOTA DE 10.500 TONNES DE POISSONS ■■■■ NOTAMMENT LE MERLU). SELON LE PRESIDENT THORN LA CREDIBILITE DE LA COMMUNAUTE EST MISE EN JEU SI ELLE N'ARRIVE PAS A CONCLURE CES ACCORDS FAUTE DE QUOI LA SITUATION ECONOMIQUE ET SOCIALE DES MILIEUX CONCERNES NE PEUT QUE S'AGGRAVER./////

POUR LA DELEGATION ALLEMANDE IL ETAIT AUSSI INDISPENSABLE QUE LE CONSEIL DONNE UNE REPONSE POSITIVE A SA DEMANDE DE CONCLURE L'ACCORD AVEC LE CANADA SANS ATTENDRE UN ACCORD GLOBAL SUR L'ENSEMBLE DE LA POLITIQUE COMMUNE DE LA PECHE. TOUTES LES DELAGIONS SAUF CELLE DU ROYAUME-UNI SE SONT EXPRIMEES EN FAVEUR DE LA SEPARATION DES ACCORDS AVEC LE CANADA ET LES ILES FAEROES DU RESTE DU PAQUET PECHE AFIN DE FACILITER LA CONCLUSION RAPIDE DE CES ACCORDS (LA TACTIQUE ALLEMANDE ETAIT DE CONSIDERER L'ACCORD AVEC L'ESPAGNE COMME APPARTENANT A UNE AUTRE CATEGORIE PEUT ETRE MOINS URGENT). LA DELEGATION BRITANNIQUE MANIFESTEMENT ISOLEE S'EN EST TENUE A SA POSITION BIEN CONNUE C'EST-A-DIRE QU'ELLE N'EST PAS EN MESURE DE LEVER SA RESERVE SUR LES ACCORDS AVEC LES PAYS TIERS SANS UN ACCORD D'ENSEMBLE QUI INTER ALIA RENFORCERA L'ORGANISATION DU MARCHE INTERNE POUR LES PRODUITS PECHEES ET PAR CONSEQUENT MIEUX PROTEGERA LE ROYAUME-UNI CONTRE LES IMPORTATIONS DE PECHE QUI NE RESPECTENT PAS LES PRIX DE REFERENCE.

ON DEVRAIT CONSTATER QUE LA COMMISSION AVAIT DEJA PRESENTE UN PROJET DE RESOLUTION POUR DES CONSEILS PECHE PRECEDENTS QUI PREVOIT UNE NOUVELLE ORGANISATION DU MARCHE MAIS QUE LES MINISTRES NE L'ONT GUERE DISCUTE.

FACE A CETTE MANQUE D'UNANIMITE, LE PRESIDENT A CONSTATE QUE LE CONSEIL N'ETAIT PAS EN MESURE DE CONCLURE DES ACCORDS AVEC LE CANADA ET LES ILES FAROES MAIS QU'IL EXISTAIT UN ACCORD GENERAL SUR LA NECESSITE IMPERATIVE QUE LE CONSEIL PECHE DES 9/10 MARS RESOUT TOUS LES PROBLEMES QUI RESTENT TANT INTERNES QU'EXTERNES.

CETTE CONCLUSION N'A VISIBLEMENT PAS SATISFAIT AU MINISTRE ALLEMAND M. VAN DOHNYANI MAIS LA SITUATION EN EST RESTEE LA.

3. RELATIONS AVEC LES ETATS-UNIS (VAN DER PAS)

M. HAFERKAMP A FAIT RAPPORT SUR LE DERNIER VOYAGE DE SIR ROY DENMAN A WASHINGTON OU LES AUTORITES AMERICAINES ONT INDIQUE QUE C'EST DANS LEURS INTENTIONS D'ACCELERER LA LIBERALISATION DU PRIX DU GAZ NATUREL, PREVUE INITIALEMENT POUR 1985, ET DE LEVER LES RESTRICTIONS A L'EXPORTATION DE NAPhte. ELLES N'ONT CEPENDANT PAS ENCORE PRIS D'ENGAGEMENT QUANT AU MOMENT OU AUX MODALITES. M. HAFERKAMP A RAPPELE QUE M. REAGAN A DEJA LIBERE LE PRIX DES PRODUITS PETROLIERS AU MOIS DE FEVRIER CE QUI A CONSTITUE UN PREMIER PAS VERS LA SUPPRESSION DE L'AVANTAGE ARTIFICIEL AU NIVEAU DES COUTS DE PRODUCTION DONT BENEFICIE L'INDUSTRIE AMERICAINE DES FIBRES SYNTHETIQUES. QUANT AUX EXPORTATIONS AMERICAINES DE PRODUITS

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TEXTILES VERS LA COMMUNAUTE, UN CERTAIN ALÈGEMENT S'EST
PRODUIT A CAUSE DE L'AUGMENTATION DU TAUX DU DOLLAR, MAIS
DES PROBLEMES PERSISTENT POUR CERTAINS PRODUITS SUR LE MARCHÉ
BRITANNIQUE. LE GOUVERNEMENT AMERICAIN S'EST DECLARE PRET A
DISCUTER DE CE PROBLEME AVEC SA PROPRE INDUSTRIE EXPORTATRICE.
EN CAS DE BESOIN, A DIT M. HAFERKAMP, ON NE PEUT PAS EXCLURE
LE RECOURS AUX MESURES DE SAUVERGARDE PREVUES PAR LE GATT.
LE CONSEIL REPRENDRA CE SUJET A SA PROCHAINE REUNION SUR
LA BASE D'UN RAPPORT DE LA COMMISSION.

A SUIVRE,
MANUEL SANTARELLI COMEUR

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YOUGOSLAVIE (VAN DER PAS)

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MALGRE UN APPEL PRESSANT DE M. HAFERKAMP, LA FRANCE ET L'IRLANDE ONT CONTINUE DE BLOQUER LE MANDAT QUI DEVRA PERMETTRE A LA COMMISSION DE NEGOCIER LES ADAPTATIONS DE L'ACCORD DE COOPERATION CEE-YOUGOSLAVIE, ADAPTATION NECESSAIRE SUITE A L'ADHESION DE LA GRECE.

LES DEUX DELEGATIONS ESTIMENT QUE LE CONTINGENT PREFERENTIEL DE BABY BEEF DONT BENEFICIE LA YOUGOSLAVIE ACTUELLEMENT AU TITRE DE L'ACCORD DE COOPERATION (34.800 TONNES A PRELEVEMENT REDUIT) TIENT DEJA COMPTE DE L'ADHESION DE LA GRECE ET NE PEUT ETRE AUGMENTE QUE DE 3.000 TONNES (FRANCE) A 7.000 TONNES (IRLANDE). LA PROPOSITION DE LA COMMISSION PREVOIT UNE AUGMENTATION DE 30.000 TONNES, TENANT COMPTE DES EXPORTATIONS MOYENNES DE BABY BEEF YOUGOSLAVE VERS LA GRECE AU COURS DES DERNIERES ANNEES. LA PLUPART DES DELEGATIONS PEUT ACCEPTER UN CHIFFRE DE 20 A 30.000 TONNES. SELON LA DELEGATION FRANCAISE, LA COMMUNAUTE NE PEUT PAS, D'UN COTE, SE PERMETTRE DU 'LAXISME' DANS SA POLITIQUE D'IMPORTATION ET, DE L'AUTRE, VOULOIR REDUIRE LES COUTS DE LA PAC. L'IRLANDE CRAINT DES CONSEQUENCES NEGATIVES POUR SES PROPRES ELEVEURS DONT LES EXPORTATIONS SONT D'UNE GRANDE IMPORTANCE POUR L'ECONOMIE DU PAYS.

M. HAFERKAMP A RAPPELE QUE TOUS LES ETATS MEMBRES ONT RECONNU LA SIGNIFICATION POLITIQUE DE L'ACCORD CEE-YOUGOSLAVIE ET IL A INSISTE POUR QUE LE CONSEIL SOIT COHERENT. UN ACCORD SELON LES LIGNES PROPOSEES PAR LA COMMISSION NE DESAVANTAGERA AUCUN PRODUCTEUR FRANCAIS OU IRLANDAIS. SANS ACCORD, TOUTE LA COMMUNAUTE SUBIRA LES CONSEQUENCES ECONOMIQUES ET POLITIQUES. IL A REJETE L'ACCUSATION FRANCAISE DE LAXISME EN SOULIGNANT QUE LA COMMUNAUTE A ETE EXPORTATRICE NETTE DE 200.000 TONNES DE VIANDE BOVINE EN 1980 (EXPORTATIONS 600.000 TONNES, IMPORTATIONS 400.000 T.).

LES EXPORTATIONS DE VIANDE BOVINE VERS LA YOUGOSLAVIE ONT ATTEINT 60.000 TONNES, SONT UNE QUANTITE SUPERIEURE AU CONTINGENT PREFERENTIEL D'IMPORTATION. M. HAFERKAMP A RAPPELE QUE LA COMMUNAUTE S'ETAIT DEJA PERMIS, DANS LES ANNEES 70, D'ARRETER UNILATERALEMENT LES IMPORTATIONS DE BABY BEEF EN PROVENANCE DE LA YOUGOSLAVIE EN INVOQUANT LA CLAUSE DE SAUVEGARDE ET IL S'EST
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DEMANDE QUELLE SERAIT LA REACTION DE LA COMMUNAUTE SI LES EXPORTATIONS COMMUNAUTAIRES SUBISSAIENT LE MEME SORT. IL A RAPPELE EGALEMENT QUE LA COMMUNAUTE A UN EXCEDENT COMMERCIAL PERMANENT VIS-A-VIS DE LA YOUGOSLAVIE DE L'ORDRE DE 2 MILLIARD D'UCE. LE DOSSIER A ETE ENVOYE AU COREPER ET SERA REPRIS PAR LE CONSEIL LE 17.3.81.

TEXTILES TUNISIE (FERRATON)

LES DIX N'ONT PAS ARRETE LE MANDAT DE NEGOCIATION. LA COMMISSION, AYANT VIVEMENT INSISTE SUR LA NECESSITE D'ADOPTER UNE POSITION PLUS SOUPLE, AURA ENCORE DES CONVERSATIONS EXPLORATOIRES AVEC LES TUNISIENS AVANT DE REVENIR DEVANT LE COREPER EN VUE DE L'ADOPTION D'UN MANDAT DEFINITIF. IL CONVIENT DE RAPPELER QUE FAUTE DE PARVENIR A UN ARRANGEMENT D'AUTOLIMITATION AVEC LA TUNISIE, LE REGIME APPLICABLE EST CELUI DE L'ACCORD DE COOPERATION QUI NE PREVOIT AUCUNE RESTRICTION AU LIBRE ACCES DES PRODUITS TEXTILES TUNISIENS SUR LE MARCHE COMMUNAUTAIRE A MOINS DE FAIRE JOUER LA CLAUSE DE SAUVEGARDE.

REMUNERATIONS (CARROLL)

CE POINT ETAIT TRAITE PAR LE CONSEIL DANS UNE SEANCE RESTREINTE QUI A DURE JUSQU'A MINUIT. LE CONSEIL A ABOUTI AUX CONCLUSIONS SUIVANTES:

'LE CONSEIL SOULIGNE LA GRANDE IMPORTANCE QU'IL ATTACHE AU MAINTIEN DE L'INDEPENDANCE, DE LA PERMANENCE ET DE LA COMPETENCE DE LA FONCTION PUBLIQUE COMMUNAUTAIRE. IL FAIT REMARQUER QU'IL N'A JAMAIS ETE QUESTION DE METTRE EN CAUSE CETTE FONCTION PUBLIQUE COMMUNAUTAIRE. IL EST CONSCIENT DES ASPECTS SPECIFIQUES D'UNE FONCTION PUBLIQUE PLURINATIONALE AINSI QUE DES DROITS ET OBLIGATIONS QUI EN DECOULENT. CETTE CONCEPTION SERA RESPECTEE A L'OCCASION DE TOUTE REVISION DES DECISIONS OU REGLEMENTS REGISSANT LE STATUT DES FONCTIONNAIRES EUROPEENS AINSI QUE LE DEROULEMENT DE LEUR CARRIERE.

LE CONSEIL INVITE LA COMMISSION A LUI SOUMETTRE DANS UN MOIS UNE PROPOSITION SUR UNE METHODE REVISEE D'ADAPTATION DES REMUNERATIONS EN TENANT COMPTE DU DEBAT DU CONSEIL ET A LA LUMIERE DES OBSERVATIONS FAITES PAR LES REPRESENTANTS DU PERSONNEL.

LE CONSEIL A INVITE LE SECRETAIRE GENERAL, APRES AVOIR CONSULTE LES REPRESENTANTS DE LA COMMISSION ET DU PERSONNEL, A ELABORER ET A LUI SOUMETTRE UNE PROCEDURE DE CONCERTATION RESPECTANT LES COMPETENCES DES INSTITUTIONS'.

POUR LA COMMISSION, M. O'KENNEDY S'EST EXPRIME TRES SATISFAIT DU RESULTAT POSITIF DE CE DEBAT D'ORIENTATION. IL ENTRETIENDRA LA COMMISSION DU RESULTAT DU DEBAT D'AUJOURD'HUI.

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